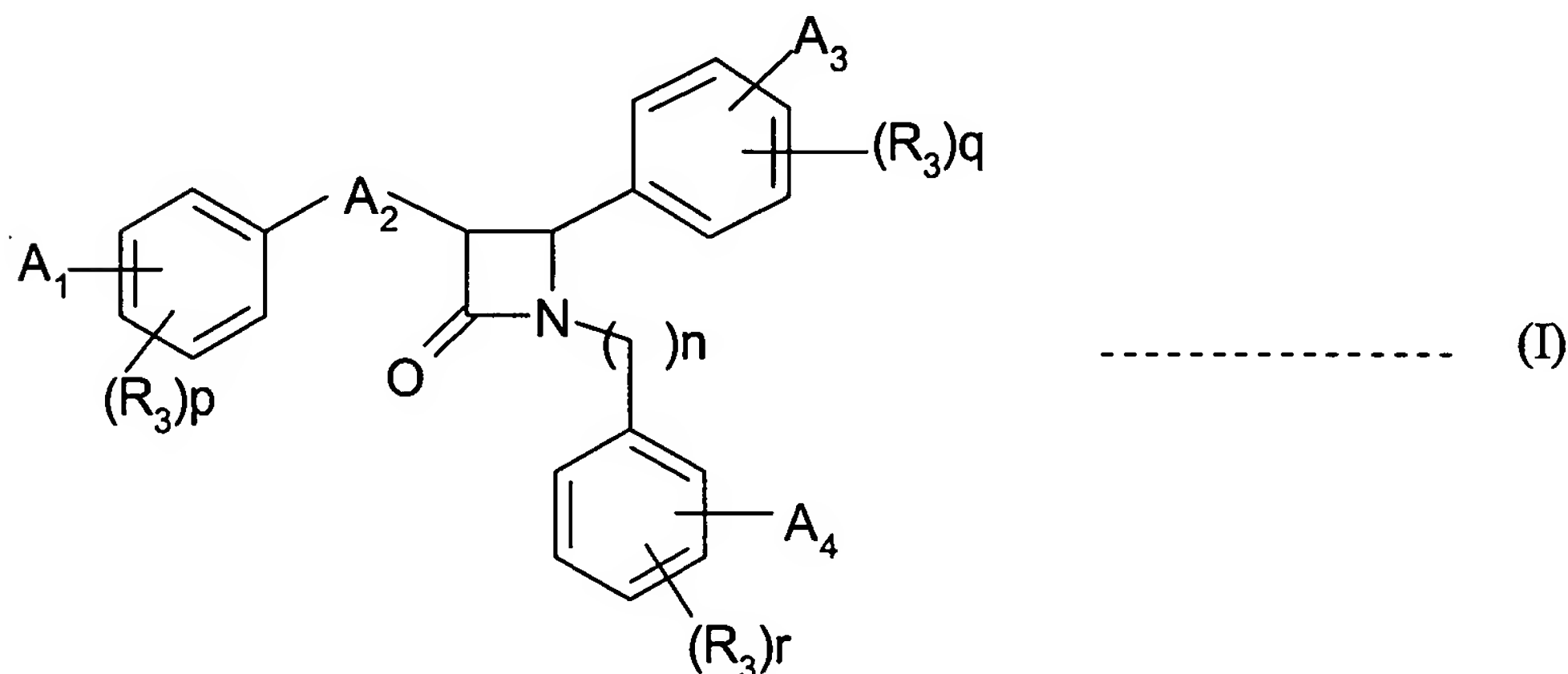


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ A serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis ~~consist of~~ the comprising a combination of a compound represented by the following general formula (I) or ~~pharmaceutical~~ its pharmaceutically acceptable salts and cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitors ~~and/or fibrate type cholesterol lowering agents,~~



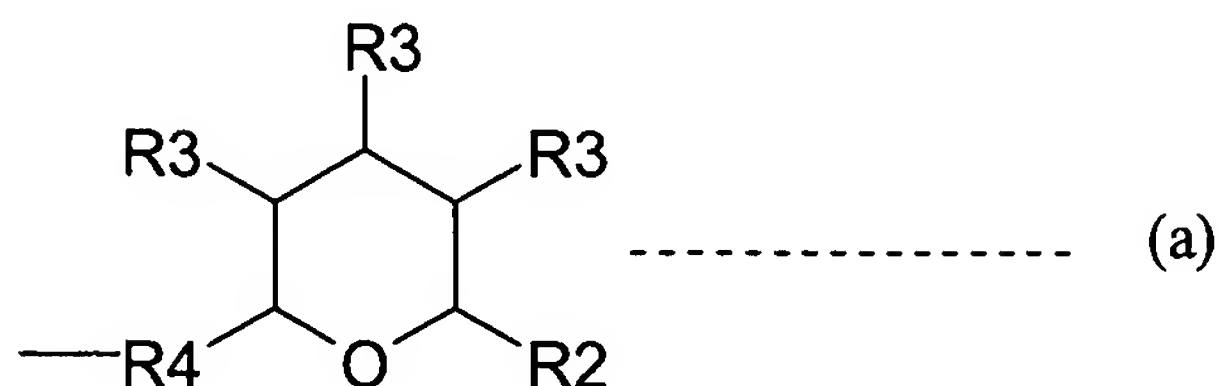
wherein A₁, A₃ and A₄ are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having one to five carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having one to five carbon atoms, -COOR₁, a group represented by following formula (b)



wherein R₁ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having one to

five carbon atoms,

or a group represented by following formula (a)



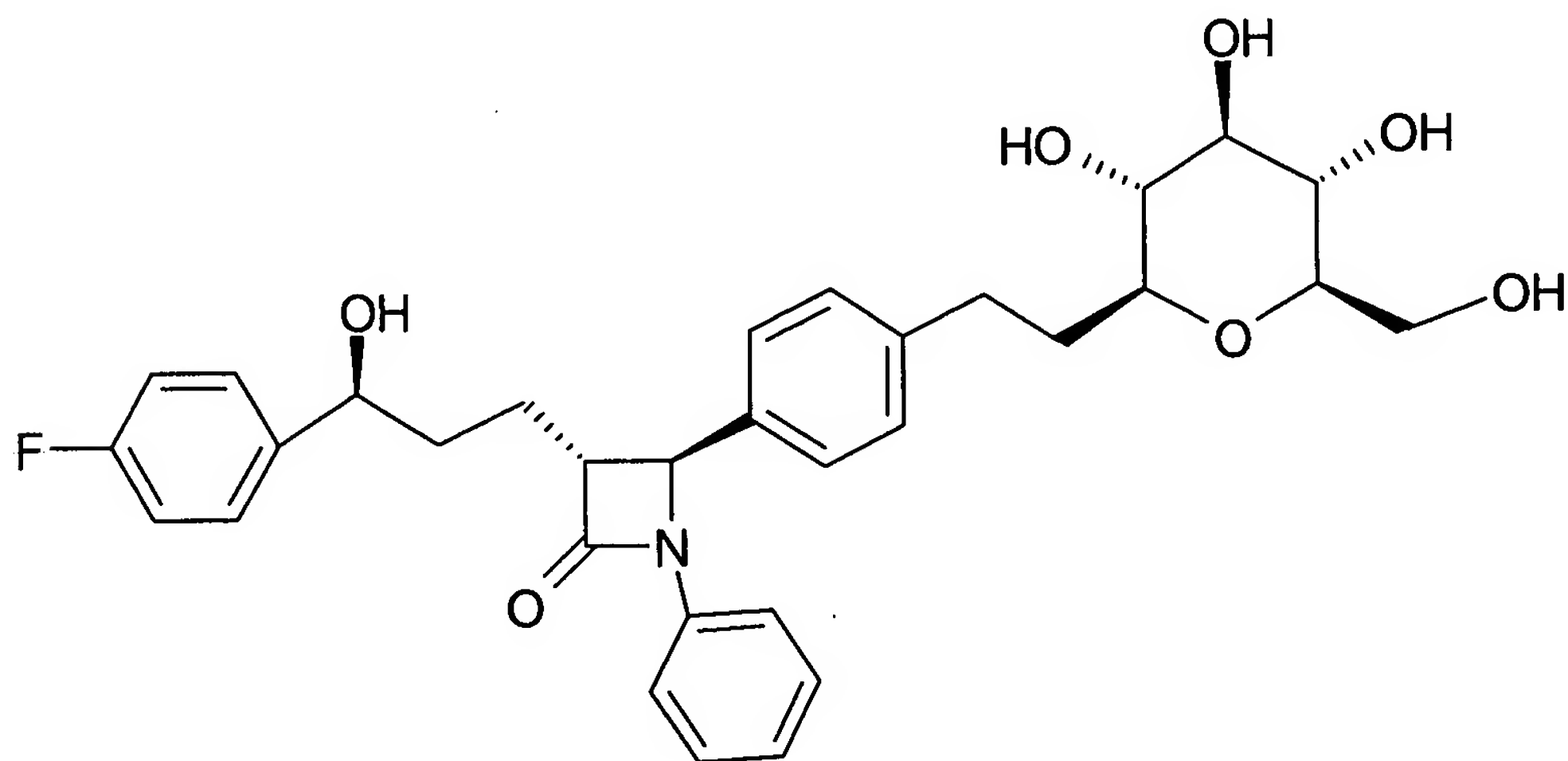
wherein R_2 is a $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ group, a $-\text{CH}_2\text{OC}(\text{O})-\text{R}_1$ group or a $-\text{CO}_2-\text{R}_1$ group; R_3 is an $-\text{OH}$ group or an $-\text{OC}(\text{O})-\text{R}_1$ group; R_4 is $(\text{CH}_2)_k\text{R}_5(\text{CH}_2)_l-$, wherein k and l are an integer of 0 or more than 1; $k + l$ is an integer of 10 or fewer integer less, and R_4 group binds to the tetrahydropyran ring by a C-C bond, further, R_5 means a single bond $(-)$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, a carbonyl group or $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, and when more than one of A_1 , A_3 and A_4 in formula (I) ~~must be~~ are the group in above-mentioned formula (a), A_2 is an alkyl chain having one to five carbon atoms, an alkoxy chain having one to five carbon atoms, an alkenyl chain having one to five carbon atoms, a hydroxyl alkyl chain having one to five carbon atoms or a carbonyl alkyl chain having one to five carbon atoms. and n , p , q or r are 0, 1 or 2.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis ~~describe~~ in according to claim 1 consist of the comprising a mixture of a compound represented by the above general formula (I) or ~~pharmaceutical~~ its pharmaceutically acceptable salts and

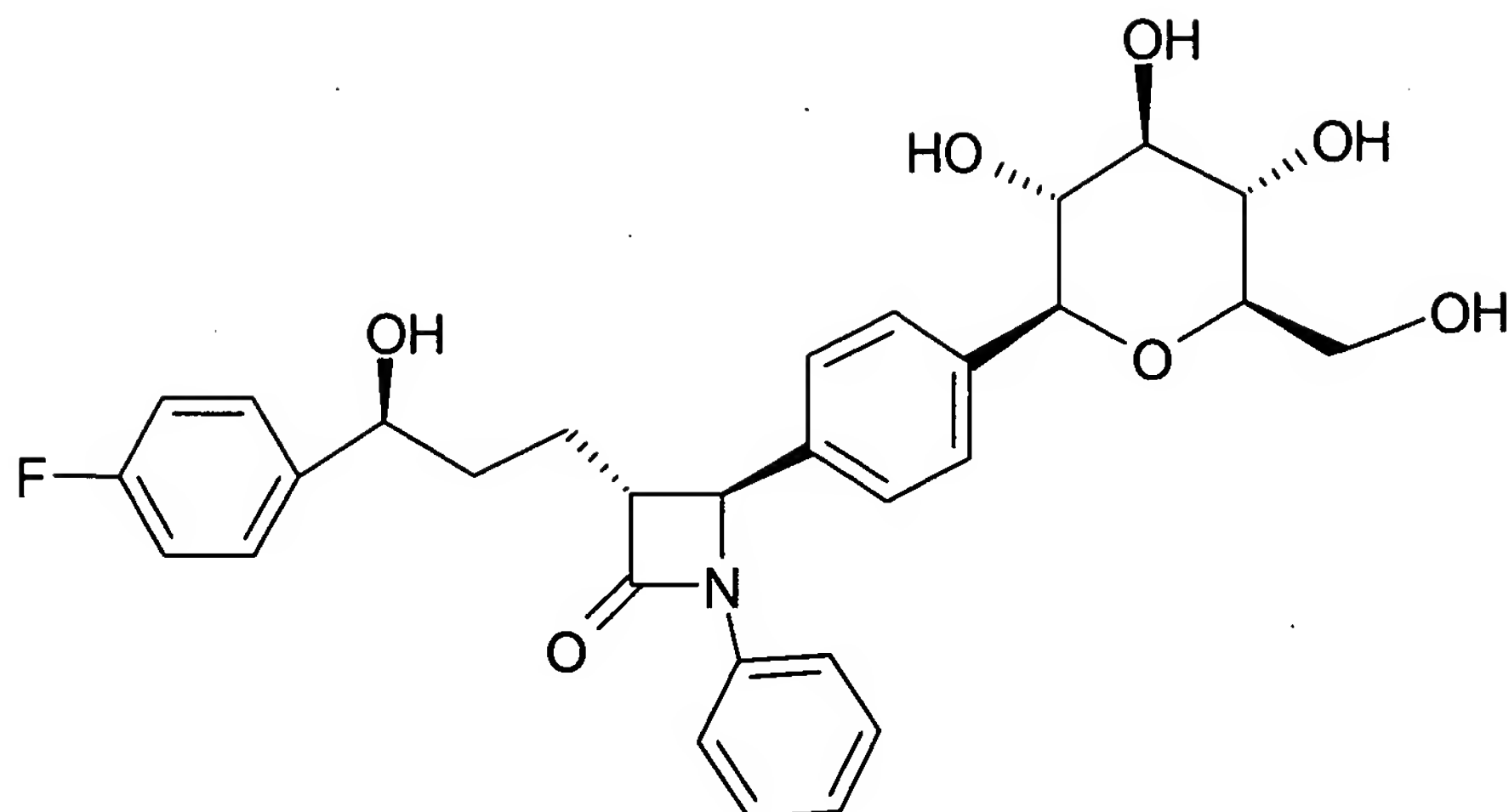
cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitors and/or ~~fibrate-type~~
~~cholesterol lowering agents~~.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 1 ~~consist of a~~ wherein the compound ~~which~~ represented by the above-mentioned general formula (I) is the following formula.



5. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 1 ~~consist of a~~ wherein the compound ~~which~~ represented by the above-mentioned general formula (I) is the following formula.

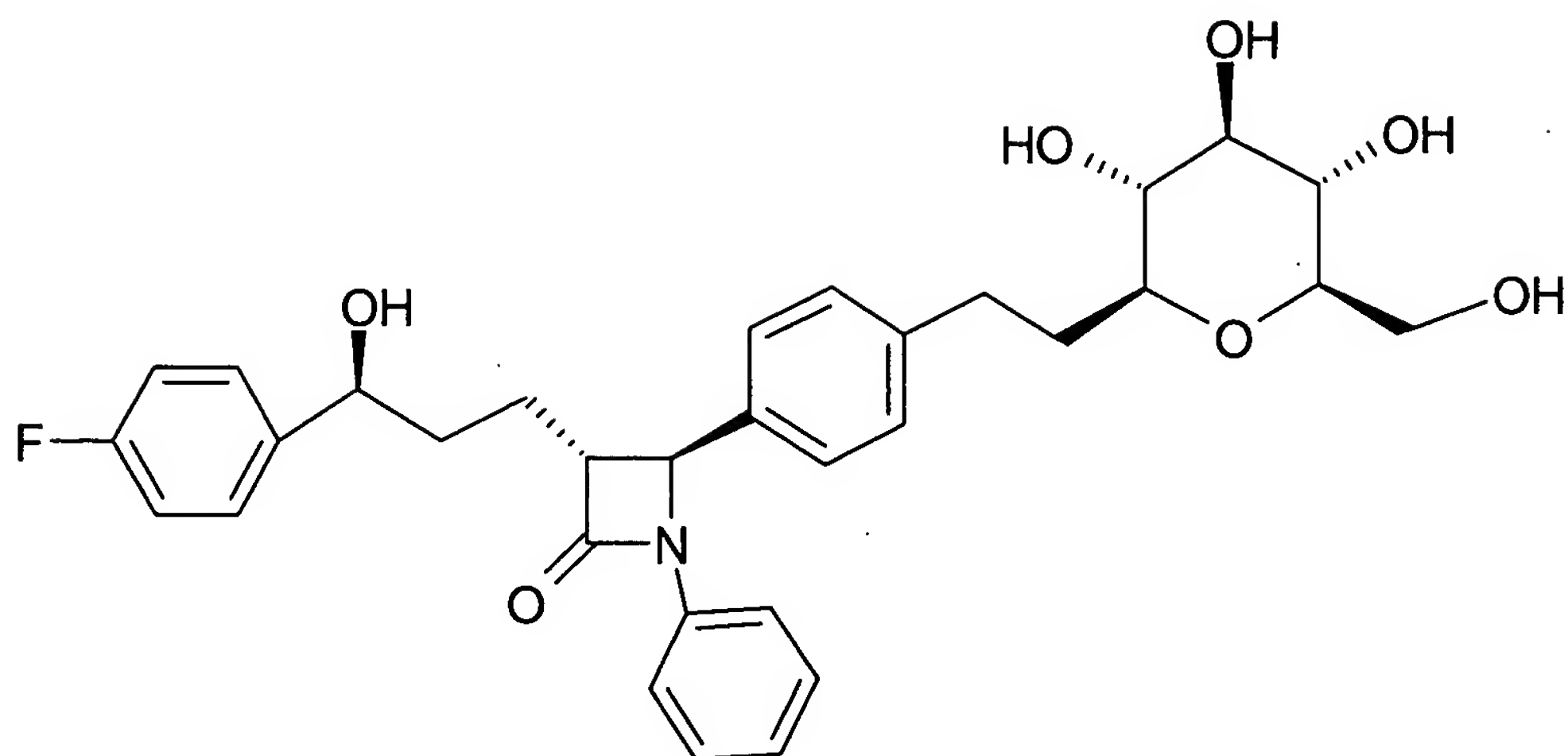


6. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 1 characterized by ~~the use of~~ the cholesterol biosynthesis ~~inhibitors which is~~ inhibitor being at least one ~~ser~~ chosen from the group consisting of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, squalene synthase inhibitors and squalene epoxydase inhibitors.

7. (Cancelled).

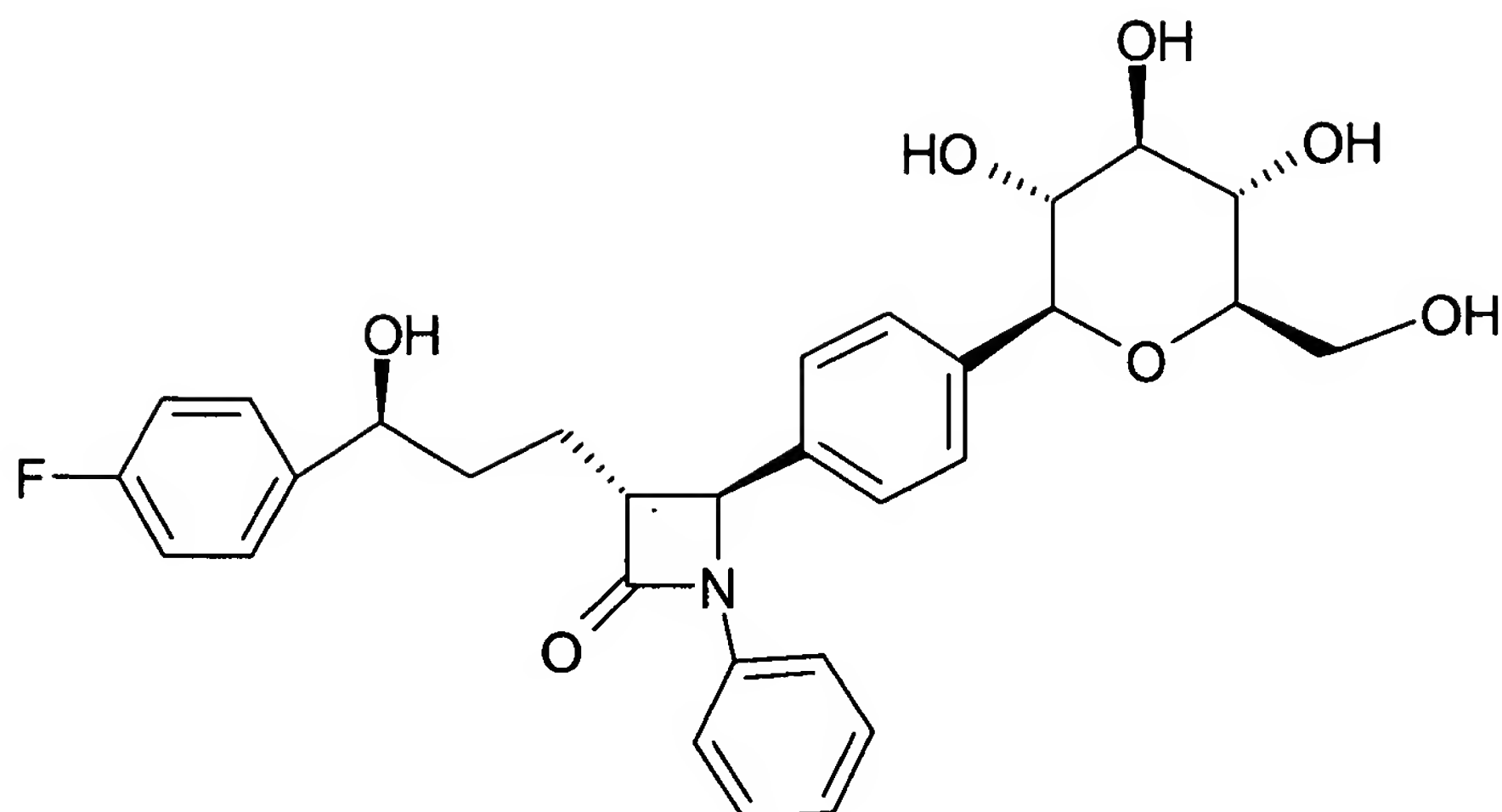
8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 2 ~~consist of a~~ wherein the compound ~~which~~ represented by the above-mentioned general formula (I) is the following formula.



10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 2 ~~consist of a~~ wherein the compound ~~which~~ represented by the above-mentioned general formula (I) is the following formula.



12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 2 characterized by ~~the use of~~ the cholesterol biosynthesis ~~inhibitors which is~~ inhibitor being at least one ~~set~~ chosen from the group consisting of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, squalene synthase inhibitors and squalene epoxydase inhibitors.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 characterized by ~~the use of the~~ cholesterol biosynthesis ~~inhibitors which is~~ inhibitor being at least one ~~set~~ chosen from the group consisting of HMG-CoA reductase

inhibitors, squalene synthase inhibitors and squalene epoxydase inhibitors.

16. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 9 characterized by the ~~use of the~~ cholesterol biosynthesis ~~inhibitors which is~~ inhibitor being at least one ~~sort~~ chosen from the group consisting of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, squalene synthase inhibitors and squalene epoxydase inhibitors.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 5 characterized by the ~~use of the~~ cholesterol biosynthesis ~~inhibitors which is~~ inhibitor being at least one ~~sort~~ chosen from the group consisting of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, squalene synthase inhibitors and squalene epoxydase inhibitors.

19. (Currently amended) ~~Serum~~ The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 11 characterized by the ~~use of the~~ cholesterol biosynthesis ~~inhibitors which is~~ inhibitor being at least one

~~sort~~ chosen from the group consisting of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, squalene synthase inhibitors and squalene epoxydase inhibitors.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).